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BUDGETING THE RATION POINTS U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AUGUSTALITATE

The industrial feeding manager's ability to keep within his ration allotment is affected as much by careful planning as it is by the number of points available. Even a large number of ration points will not stretch over the rationing period if they're spent wastefully on high-point meats and fats.

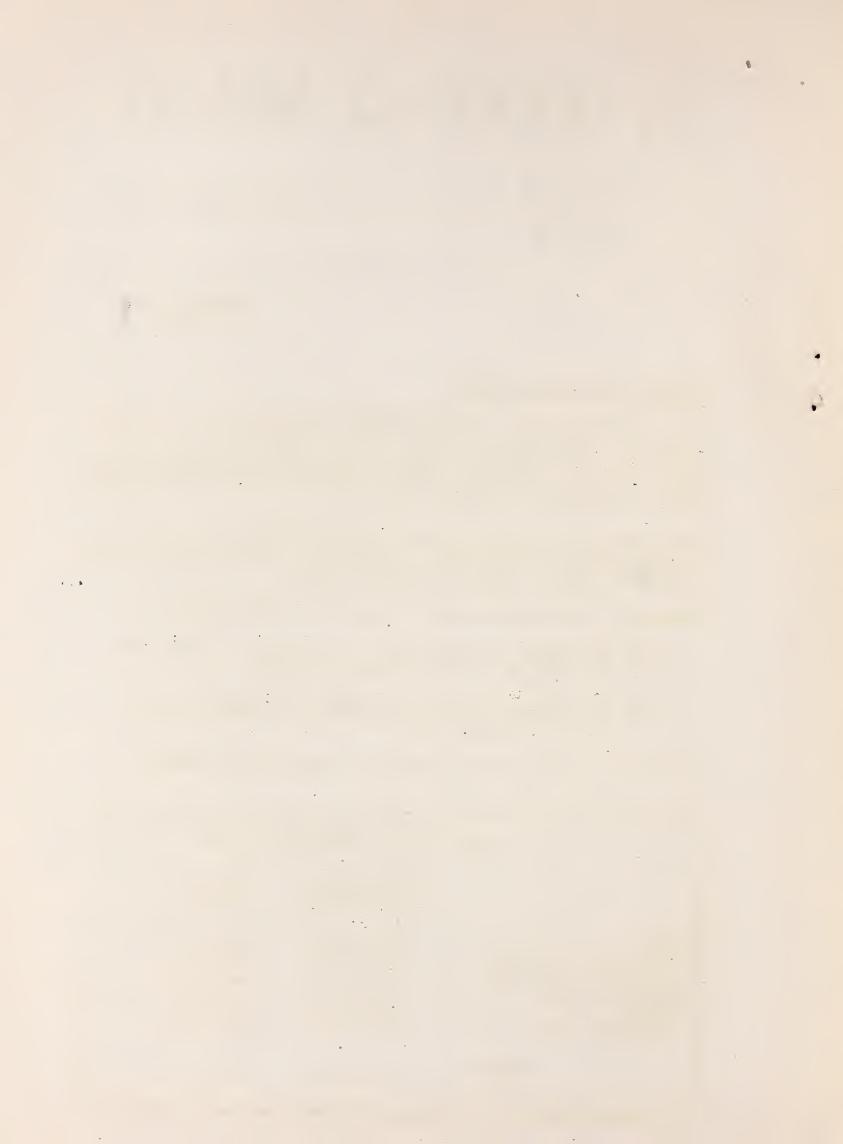
If too many ration points are used in the first month of the rationing period, it's difficult...even by the most careful planning... to make up the loss during the second month.

Budget your ration points for each period by determining:

- (1)The number of ration points available for each month, week and day of the rationing period;
- The proportion of ration points to be used for each type of rationed foods.

Meat and fat points may be recorded in this way, for example:

	RATION POINT DISTRIBUTION RECORD
	Percentage of Number of Total Points Points
	Meats Butter and margarine Cooking fats and oils Fats for baking Cheese Evaporated milk
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Similarly, the points required for processed foods may be divided between those needed for general cooking and service and those used for baking. Sugar also may be divided into the amount needed for table use and that needed for baking.

Check regularly on the use of ration points to see that you are not going over your budget allowance. Make this check daily, if possible, but never less than once a week.

Thus, too much spending of points one day or during a week may be corrected by a limited use of points for the following period until the budget is balanced. This method will prevent incurring point indebtedness.

Here's a summary form for keeping track of ration point expenditures:

RATION POINT SUMMARY						
	. Today		Rationing Period to Date		Budget Check	
Rationed Foods	Allotment	Used	Allotment	Used	Over	Under
*Meats, cheese, fats, etc. Processed foods Sugar						~

^{*}This item may be sub-divided giving point use for each kind of rationed food.

USING MEAT ALTERNATES TO CONSERVE MEAT

One way to make ration points go further and to cope with shortages in the meat supply is to use meat alternates often. Meat alternates are foods that may be served instead of meats because they contain essentially the same nutrients.

Poultry, fish, eggs, cheese, dry peas and beans and nuts are meat alternates that may be used in main dishes on the menu. Like meat they are rich sources of protein and supply B vitamins.

Planning menus presents fewer difficulties to food managers when meat is available since many meats suggest the vegetable to use. For example, baked ham may call for sweet potatoes and green beans.

Fewer natural combinations are suggested to the menu planner by meat alternates and that's why more thought needs to be used to plan meals that will be attractive to the eye and appealing to the taste.

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Vegetables, salads and other food selections that complement the main dish in color, flavor and texture should be selected. Mild-flavored foods should be combined with more strongly flavored ones and soft-textured foods with crisp ones.

Fried haddock, for instance, may be served with creamed new potatoes and lettuce and tomato salad. The creamed potatoes contrast with the texture of the fried fish and the salad adds color, a tart flavor and crispness to the menu.

SERVING FRESH VEGETABLES

Many fresh vegetables are on hand in local markets and as the growing season advances a larger variety of them will be available. They add color and flavor to any meal.

Cook them until tender in as little water and for as short a time as possible. They should be served immediately to preserve flavor, color and conserve food value.

Fresh vegetables may be combined attractively in vegetable plates. The occasional use of a vegetable plate may add welcome variety to the special lunch menus. However, vegetables alone do not supply enough protein to take the place of meat.

For that reason, a meat alternate such as poached or fried eggs, egg salad, omelet, cottage cheese, fish salad or sliced cheese should be served with the vegetables.

USING FOODS IN PLENTIFUL SUPPLY

This month carrots, cabbage and fresh tomatoes are in plentiful supply in nearly all southwest markets. Use them often in the menus.

Eggs will continue to be plentiful and they can be used in main dishes to help stretch the limited meat supply. Oranges and apples will be available and may be used in salads, desserts and for between-meal snacks.

MENUS FOR SPECIAL LUNCHES

Here are menus for special lunches for a period of 15 days. These menus are planned to furnish about one-third of the worker's daily food requirements. They also come within the limits of rationing allotments and reduced food supplies.

In this month's menus, meat alternates are featured as are the fresh vegetables and fruits in abundant supply.

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Braised breast of lamb
Parsleyed new potatoes
Buttered carrot strips
Whole-wheat bread with butter
or fortified margarine
Plain cake with orange frosting
Milk

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Baked kidney beans (See Recipes)
Fresh spinach or other greens
Sliced tomato and lettuce salad
Enriched rolls with butter
or fortified margarine
Custard pie
Beverage

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Meat loaf with gravy
Steamed new potatoes
Creole cabbage (See April Issue)
Whole-wheat bread with butter
or fortified margarine
Chocolate pudding
Beverage

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Baked fish fillet - tomato sauce Steamed new potatoes in jackets Green beans Enriched rolls with butter or fortified margarine Blueberry pie Milk

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Fish cakes with egg sauce Creamed new potatoes Buttered green beans Enriched bread with butter or fortified margarine Peach shortcake Milk 6

Roast pork with spiced apples
Browned potatoes
Buttered lima beans
Enriched bread with butter
or fortified margarine
Orange custard
Beverage

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Roast lamb with dressing
Mashed potatoes - gravy
Cabbage and green pepper salad
Enriched bread with butter
or fortified margarine
Fresh fruit cup
Milk

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Baked macaroni with cheese
Buttered sliced carrots
Mixed green salad with French
dressing
Whole-wheat bread with butter
or fortified margarine
Gingerbread
Milk

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Creole lima beans
Buttered fresh beets and greens
Cottage cheese and tomato salad
Whole-wheat bread with butter
or fortified margarine
Caramel nut pudding
Beverage

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Creamed eggs with fresh asparagus (See Recipes) Baked potato Cole slaw Apple Brown Betty Beverage

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Veal pot pie
Mashed potatoes
Buttered peas
Enriched bread with butter
or fortified margarine
Fruit gelatine pudding
Milk

12

Steamed frankfurrers
Creamed new potaties
Buttered cabbage (or sauerkraut)
Enriched rolls with butter
or fortified margarine
Rhubarb pie
Beverage

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Fried oysters with lemon
Parsleyed new potatoes
Shredded carrots and cabbage salad
Whole-wheat bread with butter
or fortified margarine
Sponge roll with orange cream
filling
Milk

14

Scalloped chicken and noodles
Buttered green peas
Red apple and celery salad
Whole-wheat bread with butter
or fortified margarine
Baked custard
Beverage

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Vegetable plate:
Stuffed egg salad
Fresh asparagus
Parsleyed potatoes
Sliced tomato
Cornbread with butter
or fortified margarine
Deep-dish apple pie
Milk

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RECIPES

Baked Kidney Beans

Ingredients

Amounts for 100 Portions

Dry red kidney beans	12 pounds
Bacon drippings or cubed salt pork	
Onions, sliced	
Green peppers, chopped	
Tomatoes, canned	2-1/2 gallons
Chili powder	1 ounce
Salt	5 ounces

Size of portion - 6 ounces

- 1. Wash and sort the beans. Cover with hot water and let soak overnight.
- 2. Cook beans until tender in the water in which they were soaked. Drain.
- 3. Cook the onions in the bacon drippings for about 5 minutes.
- 4. Combine the onions and fat, tomatoes, green peppers, seasonings.
- 5. Add the vegetable mixture to the cooked beans and mix well.
- 6. Pour into greased baking pans and bake for 1 hour in a moderate oven, 350° F.

Creamed Eggs with Fresh Asparagus Tips

Ingredients

Amounts for 100 Portions

Fresh asparagus	20 pounds
Cooking fat,	
Flour	2 pounds
Milk and asparagus liquor	4 gallons
Eggs, hard-cooked	8-1/3 dozens
Salt	5 ounces
Paprika	

Size of portion - 6 ounces

- l. Clean the asparagus and cut spear ends off about 4 inches in length.

 Reserve rest of tender stalks for use in soup.
- 2. Cook the asparagus spears in a small amount of boiling water until tender. Drain, saving the liquor.
- 3. Make a roux of the fat and flour. Add the asparagus liquor up to 1/3 of the total liquid and then the remainder of the milk. Season. Cook until thickened.
- 4. Cut the hard-cooked eggs in half, lengthwise.
- 5. Arrange asparagus tips in serving pan, add layer of eggs and then sauce. Heat in oven to bring to serving temperature.
- 6. Serve plain or on toast or split buns.

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THE "BEST BUY" LIST

Cabbage, onions, carrots, lettuce and tomatoes head the list of best buys in key markets of the southwest but several newcomers are showing up in many places. Included are peas and green corn.

Scattered markets report beans, new Irish potatoes, squash and asparagus. Spinach and other greens, beets, celery and sweet potatoes are plentiful too and so are oranges and grapefruit.

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Carrots, beets, cabbage, home grown greens,

Carrots, cabbage, lettuce, English peas, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, apples, lemons.

Cabbage, citrus, green onions, potatoes,

Other best buys include:

Arkansas

Oklahoma

Little Rock:

Clovis:

Oklahoma

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Colorado	Denver:	Cabbage, cauliflower, corn, lettuce, onions, spinach, peas, rhubarb, grapefruit, oranges.
Kansas	Topeka:	Cabbage, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, apples.
	Wichita:	Lemons, winesap apples, carrots, cabbage, onions, spinach, green beans, leaf lettuce.
Louisiana	New Orleans:	Lettuce, tomatoes, onions.
	Shreveport:	Oranges, cabbage, Irish potatoes, squash.
New Mexico	Albuquerque Gallup and Santa Fe:	Carrots, asparagus, green onions, grapefruit, spinach, tomatoes, lemons, oranges.
	Las Cruces and Roswell:	Carrots, cabbage, lettuce, green onions, rhubarb, asparagus, celery, lemons, oranges, grapefruit.

City: tomatoes.

Texas Ft. Worth: Carrots, onions, cabbage, green beans, corn,

Houston: Corn, cabbage, onions, carrots, squash, lettuce.

tomatoes, grapefruit.

We're enclosing a new bulletin we've just received which we think you will find helpful, especially since you're probably running into problems on sugar. It's called "Saving Sugar in Industrial Feeding."

If you need additional copies, let us know and we'll be glad to send them to you. The address is WFA's Southwest Regional Office, 425 Wilson Building, Dallas 1, Texas.

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